

sentatives to Parliament. The popular cry would be for a reduction of rents. No candidate would have a chance at the hustings who did not fall in with it, and no Government could stand which did not bow to it. At present the land revenue is not elastic. Its increase is due, first, to waste land being brought into cultivation; secondly, to the enhanced value created by Government expenditure. But, while the income from land does not increase, there is always a risk of its decreasing. In bad seasons special concessions have to be made, and a chorus of complaints is always arising from the tenants that they are being over-taxed. It is very pretty in theory to represent the Government as coming in for all this unearned increment, and as living on the land revenue without any necessity for other taxation. But the theory omits the fact that tenants will always strive for a reduction of rent, and where tenants are voters their striving will be very effective. In matters of this kind the political as well as the economical element must always be taken into consideration. It is not enough that the land should have an increment of value; it is not even enough that the tenants should be able to pay. It is necessary that they should also be willing, and that they should patriotically abstain from using their influence to beat down their rents.

A paragraph which we publish this morning announces the probable appointment to-day of a temporary Judge of the Supreme Court, and states that the Government have it in contemplation to appoint permanently two additional puisne Judges. As these permanent appointments cannot be made without the consent of Parliament, a bill to provide for them will probably be brought in early next session. Desirable, however, as this step may be, it is very likely to meet with opposition. Hardly any subject that a Government can introduce in Parliament commands universal support. There are always members of the Legislature prepared with opposition of a party character, if not of any other kind. On former occasions, also, when this subject has been under discussion, there have been members to declare that we have Judges enough, and that if less time were spent over individual cases the business might easily be done by the present staff of Judges. The Judges, however, as well as the Bar, contend that with the present number of Judges it is quite impossible to get through the business of the Courts; and that we believe is the conclusion to which the public will be forced. One thing no one can have overlooked, and that is that term after term a long list of remands has been left. The Supreme Court, in fact, seldom succeeds in getting through its business in proper time. Recently we had Sir JAMES MARTIN, partly, it was said, through overwork, and now Mr. Justice WINDHEYER is declared to be broken down. The Justice FACCETT has also suffered from serious illness, and is understood to be contemplating retirement. There are facts of a very serious nature, and must be admitted by every body that any competition of such proportioned settings as those at Darlinghurst last week is most undesirable. Under all these circumstances the only way out of the difficulty is to appoint one or two additional Judges. The present is certainly not the time to increase the public expenditure in any department where increase can be avoided; but justice must be administered, and even with an increasing deficit staring us in the face, it will be far cheaper and wiser to spend a few thousands on additional Judges than to have judicial business done unsatisfactorily, and in some instances not done at all. In connection with this subject there is another matter which suggests itself, and which will have to be considered, and it is whether the Judges we have are adequately remunerated. Although in this country we spend money lavishly, we pay our Chief Justice less than puisne Judges receive in the mother country, and the consequence is that when a vacancy occurs in the highest office upon the Bench, who are fit for the position cannot afford to take it, or if they take it they do so at a considerable loss. After the events of the last few weeks, Parliament should need no more persuasion in a matter of this kind, and none with reference to the appointment of a sufficient number of Judges to ensure the proper conduct of the business of the Courts.

According to our telegram, Mr. GILLIES surprised the Legislative Assembly of Victoria by announcing the intention of the Government to hold a Centennial Exhibition in Melbourne in 1888. We cannot confess to any feeling of surprise at the occurrence, having recognised and pointed out the possibility of such an enterprise when our Government first began tentatively to nibble at the question. Mr. GILLIES is to be commended for his decision and public spirit. A change has no doubt come over the spirit of his dream, for a few weeks ago he failed to see any reason for the taking of a census in the Centennial year; but it is not for us to deplore the change. The hundredth anniversary of the foundation of British settlement in Australia could not be celebrated fully or fitly without an exhibition fairly illustrative of the progress made in the development of the resources of the continent, the cultivation of the arts and manufactures, and the growth of industrial pursuits amongst its people. If the eldest colony of the group is not prepared, whether by reason of public apathy, or through the timidity and inefficiency of its Government, or by the embarrassed condition into which its finances have been allowed to drift, to undertake the responsibility of holding such an exhibition, we may congratulate the people of Australia on the fact that there is one colony in a position to take up the work, and possessed of the means and the men to perform it. Not only, as Mr. GILLIES points out, is there an exhibition Building in Melbourne, whilst we should have to build one; they have a credit balance of nearly three and a half millions at the close of the financial year, to contrast with our increasing deficit. The proposal of Mr. GILLIES is that the Centennial Exhibition in Melbourne shall follow the centennial fêtes and brilliant demonstrations in Sydney. The arrangement is well-meant, and the terms in which it is set forth are doubtless (as the writer is reported to have described them) "amazing." But it cannot be denied that there is, probably without intention, a tone of satire in them. What is the fitting and brilliant demonstration to be? The proverb says, "Let those laugh who win." However, if the substantial part of the centennial demonstration is after all to be held in Melbourne, this colony, which has only itself to blame for letting the opportunity slip, would not improve its position by trying ineffectually to act the part of the dog in the manger.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

With reference to the letter of the Victorian Government to the Premier respecting the holding in Melbourne of an exhibition in connection with the Centennial celebration, we learn that it was only received yesterday, and that on its receipt it was acknowledged by Sir Patrick Jennings in a telegram, of which the following is a copy:— "Your letter of 30th November, tendering to this colony the kindly co-operation of Victoria in the celebrating of the centenary of Australia by way of holding an exhibition in Melbourne on the conclusion of the commemoration of the event, was received this morning, and will be at once submitted to Cabinet. Meanwhile I beg, in the name of the colony, to offer to your Government our earnest thanks for the sentiment which pervades the whole of your letter, to which I hope to be in a position to reply in the course of a few days."

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etc., on which the box number or word "box" forms part of the address, which will, of course, save time, which would otherwise be occupied after arrival in assorting them from among other letters for delivery here, and it has been decided to inform all householders of the fact, in order that they may, if so disposed, avail themselves of the advantages of the system, by securing the address of their correspondence to box numbers as far as they may be able to do so.

There are some delay in connection with the limited express train which left Sydney on Wednesday afternoon, and had the mails for the P. & O. steamer *Valletta*, that train did not reach Melbourne until some hours after the time appointed for the steamer's departure. It is, however, satisfactory to learn that the Melbourne postal authorities arranged for the postponement of the *Valletta*'s departure from 1 to 5 p.m. yesterday, to ensure the despatch of the mails by her.

The express train which left Sydney for Melbourne at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday met with an untoward accident midway on the journey, whereby considerable delay, causing great inconvenience to some of the passengers, was occasioned. As the train was nearing Murrumburrah at about half-past 1 yesterday morning, the locomotive collided with a bull which had by some means strayed upon the line, and the force of the concussion threw the carriages off the rails. The shock caused quite a panic amongst the passengers, most of whom were asleep at the time, and could form no idea as to whether the accident was of a serious character or not. They were soon reassured, however, on learning the extent of the disaster. The work of replacing the carriages on the line occupied about four hours, and the express from Melbourne to Sydney, which arrived at Murrumburrah at about 8.30 a.m., was delayed for nearly an hour, reaching Sydney at 1 p.m. instead of 12.30 p.m., the hour at which it is due. The damage done to the rolling stock was fortunately slight, and the train was enabled to proceed on the journey in safety.

YESTERDAY afternoon Ministers met in Cabinet to consider the advisability of appointing a temporary Judge of the Supreme Court to preside at the present sittings of the Central Criminal Court in the place of Mr. Justice Windeyer. In consequence of the severe strain caused by the recent protracted sittings at Darlinghurst, the health of Mr. Justice Windeyer has been seriously affected, and Dr. MacLaurin, his medical attendant, has directed that as soon as possible he should for a time take complete rest. A certificate to this effect from Dr. MacLaurin was before the Cabinet yesterday afternoon. It was decided to appoint a temporary Judge, and we believe the position will be offered to-day to Mr. H. Stephen. We also learn that all probability a bill will be introduced in the Legislative Assembly next session to provide for the permanent appointment of two additional puisne Judges, and it is not unlikely that Mr. M. H. Stephen will be one of those. There are four Judges of the Supreme Court at the present time, and it is intended to increase the number to seven. There will be a meeting of the Executive Council this afternoon to complete the appointment of the temporary Judge, and the necessary commission will then be prepared so that he can sit at Darlinghurst on Monday next.

Mr. RABBIT-INSPECTOR CLARK, of Wicomico, has reported to his office in charge of the rabbit branch of the Department of Mines that in his district several parties of men are engaged with boats killing rabbits on the islands formed by the flooded state of the river, and he anticipates that by the time the water recedes the frontage country between the Tallywalka Creek and the River Darling will be clear of rabbits.

A MEETING of the Patriotic Fund Committee was held at the Town Hall yesterday. A plan for the repayment of subscriptions was adopted, and it was resolved that the distribution of the money in hand should commence on the 16th instant at the Town Hall, and be continued every alternate Tuesday and Thursday.

As an evidence of the thoughtfulness and liberality of our citizens towards the inmates of our charitable institutions, more particularly during the Christmas season, our attention has been drawn to an advertisement, appearing in another column, from the superintendent of the Randwick Asylum, notifying the receipt of a very handsome donation from Mrs. L. W. Levy, of Macleay-street. We are informed that Mrs. Levy visited the institution yesterday and caused the very acceptable gifts to be transferred from her carriage to the superintendent.

THE monthly committee meeting of the National Sheep-wool Relief Society of New South Wales, announced to have been held at the Exchange yesterday afternoon, lapsed owing to want of a quorum. The committee will, therefore, be called together on the 25th instant.

YESTERDAY Mr. G. F. Wise, agent for immigration, paid as much as £80 to 160 women who were wives of some of the men employed at Kurnell. They received 10s. each as an advance on their husband's wages. In pursuance of a telegram from Mr. J. A. Reed of Wellington, calling for the services of 20 men for haying, at 1s. a week and board, that number of men were despatched to the place mentioned on Wednesday evening. Yesterday 210 single men were despatched to the National Park, and Monday next 150 married men will be selected from the ranks of the unemployed to go to Kurnell.

It has been decided that the newly appointed Chief Justice shall be sworn in on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. On Thursday evening his Honor will be entertained at a banquet by the members of the Bar, and it is understood that Mr. Darley's brother Judges will be guests on the occasion.

Mr. G. H. Rux, in the course of defending one of the prisoners in the alleged land frauds case yesterday, pointed out that on page after page there was nothing but a mass of blots, alterations, erasures, mistakes, and incorrect entries, and he queried whether that was a creditable state of affairs. He also commented that, from a casual glance, it was clear that on the list of Deaconess a fictitious or dummy entry had been made, "in connection with which no Government action seemed to have been taken." His Honor, Mr. Justice Windeyer objected to the counsel continually emphasising his point by "smudging" over the entries with his thumb, and then adding to the defects which he was investigating against Mr. Head, that he was investigating the "smudge" itself. The whole of those present evidently been "smudged" for months past, and as it was difficult to increase the "smudge" appearance of Lands Department books. His Honor insisted that the register could be pointed at, but that their dirtiness should not be increased by unnecessary handling.

YESTERDAY the hearing of the charge against Ven. Huns and Wilby Morton Oliver, in connection with the alleged land frauds, was continued at Darlinghurst before Mr. Justice Windeyer. The case was concluded about half-past 3 o'clock, when the jury retired to consider their verdict, but not having agreed upon it by half-past 8 they were locked up for the night. Wilby Morton Oliver was also charged with the forgery of the name of Wm. B. Ackman in connection with the transfer of a conditional purchase, and pleaded guilty. He gave evidence as to character, and asked to be allowed to call further evidence on Friday morning, his request being granted. The prisoners were then removed.

THE Banco Court yesterday, his Honor Mr. Justice Faunce and a jury of four were occupied throughout the day in hearing an action for damages for slander brought by Francis Fitzpatrick, and his wife, who reside in Murray-street, Pyrmont, against James Wilson Kirkpatrick and his wife, who reside in the same street. There had been, it appears, a neighbourly quarrel, and some very objectable language was used. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiffs, awarding them £200 damages. In the Jury Court the theatrical scandal, Phillips and wife v. Leete was resumed, but was not concluded when the Court rose. His Honor Mr. Justice Lande will sum up on Monday next. In Equity, the Primary Judges announced that the next Probate day would be Thursday, the 29th instant. By arranging this the next two Thursdays will be left clear for Equity matters, which are much in arrear.

THE Marine Board commenced an inquiry yesterday into the circumstances connected with the collision which took place between the ships *Angerona* and *Orontes* on Saturday evening last, off Kinsa. A large number of witnesses were examined, after which the board adjourned. The decision of the board regarding the collision will be made known at 8 p.m. on Monday.

THE attention of owners or persons keeping any horses, cattle, or sheep is called to the fact that a return of the same must be made to the Inspector of Stock for the sheep district in which the stock are during the month of December, under the provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Acts, and we understand that the several inspectors have received definite instructions from the Chief Inspector of Stock to prosecute any person failing to make a return. In the early part of the present year a large number of persons in and around Sydney were fined for neglecting to do so. Separate returns of stock must also be made on or before 1st January next, to the nearest office of post office to reply in the course of a few days."

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sessions throughout the colony, according to the provisions of the Diseases in Sheep Act, and the Rabbit Nuisance Act, under a penalty not exceeding £20.

SUPPLEMENTS to the *Government Gazette*, published yesterday, contain lists of persons to whom ordinary and special licences have been granted under the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1870; also particulars of a special area and other reserves for sale for various purposes.

It is notified in a special supplement to the *Government Gazette*, published yesterday, that the Honorable Edmund Barton, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, directs it to be notified, for general information, that a writ has been issued, and that the following arrangements have been made for the election of a member to serve in the present Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, for the electoral district of Yass Plains, in room of Mr. Louis Francis Heydon, resigned—Place of nomination, Yass; date of writ, Tuesday, 20th December, 1886; polling day, Monday, 26th December, 1886; return of writ, Monday, 10th January, 1887.

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At the Conference of the Land and Industrial

colonies should contribute towards the maintenance of the Imperial navy."

THE Come and Welcome Lodge I.O.G.T. held a very successful meeting last Wednesday evening, in St. Paul's Schoolroom, Glebe, when they inaugurated their establishment in the locality by inviting the residents thereof to a fruit soiree and concert. A goodly number were present, and thoroughly enjoyed both the excellent concert and light refreshments, which were handed amongst them by the lodge officers during the evening. The committee expressed their thanks to those who gratuitously supplied temperance drinks, the Church of England Temperance Society, Redfern, for the free use of piano, and those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted to make the concert so successful.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, DEC. 1.

The Senate of the University of Cambridge recommend that the University of New Zealand should be affiliated with the Cambridge University.

CONTROL OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

LONDON, DEC. 1.

M. Waddington, the French Ambassador in London, is pressing for the re-opening of the conference relative to the neutralisation of the Suez Canal.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

LONDON, DEC. 1.

A conference between the Prince of Wales's Committee and the Agents-General of the colonies took place to-day, as previously arranged, and resulted in an understanding of a most satisfactory character. On hearing the representations advanced, the committee readily promised that colonial interests should be fully secured at the Jubilee Institution; and it is understood that everything which the colonial representatives suggested will be carried out. The details of the proceedings have not been allowed to transpire.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

The Supreme Court to-day gave judgment on a question arising out of H. Mortimer Franklin's insolvency case, affecting the property claimed by Mrs. Franklin under her marriage settlement. The Court decided that the covenant in the settlement given to Mrs. Franklin, in respect to all her after-acquired property, was void under section 79 of the Insolvency Statute 1871, and that the property therefore belongs to the trustee for the creditors.

CHRISTOPHER DOXY, 18, a butcher, received injuries to the upper jaw, forehead, and face, yesterday morning, through being kicked by a horse in Burrow-street, Waverley. He was admitted to the Sydney Hospital, and attended by Dr. Fisher.

A CHINAMAN named Fan Chow whilst driving a horse attached to a cart, at the rear of Sir Alfred Stephen's residence, Park-lane, yesterday morning, received an injury to the left thigh and severe internal injuries through the cart being overturned on top of him. He was admitted to the Sydney Hospital at 11 a.m. and expired during the afternoon.

YESTERDAY morning the dead body of a young man about 17 years of age, which has not yet been identified, was discovered in a waterhole situated on the premises occupied by Mr. James Farrell, tanner, at Wharf-road, Concord. The man was last seen alive at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, by Alfred Hunt, his son, in the employment of Mr. Farrell. He was then in good spirits. For the last three weeks he had been employed in the tannery; but his full name was not known. He is reported, however, to have stated that he came to the colony from Liverpool, England, in the barque *Eastland*. It is surmised that he entered the water for the purpose of having a wash or a swim, as his working clothes and his best suit were found in a shed close by. The body was removed from the waterhole by Police-sergeant Henry Kirby, and was taken by him into the tannery. The man has been reported to the Coroner. The deceased's name is supposed to be John McNamee.

INQUIRIES have been made into the alleged attempt to waylay a train near Oakleigh on Wednesday night. No further details have been obtained, but it is believed that the obstruction was placed on the line by some children playing on the spot.

ABOUT 50 feet of wall fell to-day at the Ballarat Woollen Mills during the alterations which are being made for the manufacture of worsted. Twenty-five men who were working at the building got away just in time to save themselves. The damage is estimated at £700.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, THURSDAY.

It is stated that the schooner *Edith May*, which arrived at Townsville on Saturday night from Cambridge Gulf, has been detained by the authorities in order to hold an investigation at the instance of the crew. It is alleged that the vessel is in a most unsatisfactory condition.

THE quantity of sugar exported from the various ports of Queensland from 5th to 25th November was 617,100 tons, making a total of 24,375 tons since the 17th July.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, THURSDAY.

The Chamber of Manufactures has appointed a sub-committee to confer with the Corn Trade Association on the subject of the reciprocal treaty recently proposed between Victoria and Queensland. Correspondence was also read as to the necessity of making the Customs duty on soap uniform with the Victorian tariff. The matter was postponed till such time as the tariff was likely to be amended.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, THURSDAY.

At a well-attended meeting of selectors at Horse Creek it was decided to invite the Hon. W. Halliday to a complimentary banquet.

There was a large rush of selectors to-day, in consequence of the reversion of the Morven reserve of 1200 acres. Nearly 100 applicants bailed for the acre, G. McLeannan being successful.

The weather is very hot.

BATHURST, THURSDAY.

After two days' oppressive weather, rain fell to-day for some time.

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BERRAWRINA, THURSDAY.

Several candidates are already spoken of as likely to come forward to contest the electorate on the resignation of Messrs. Sawers and Barton, which is expected to be announced at Bourke to-morrow. Considerable interest attaches to the matter at the present juncture of political affairs.

A public meeting called last night by the opponents of the present Ministry fell through, owing to insufficient attendance.

The river is falling very slowly.

The announcement that rabbits have been found at Anglefield has caused a feeling of consternation and surprise among pastoralists here. It is generally thought that the rodents must have come to the locality named, as the high state of the river for the past six months and the wide scope of country intervening between the infested district and Anglefield seems to render it impossible for them to have migrated by natural means.

CARCOAR, THURSDAY.

The Junction Point Goldfield Reserve was thrown open for selection this morning. The applications lodged enclosed an area of 31,368 acres. Mr. J. H. Louche, had applied to Mr. Hughes, of the District Surveyor's Office, Orange, to inspect and chart the various applications. The ballot took place at the courthouse, and was open to the public, in accordance with the Land Act regulations. It resulted as follows:—Fifteen conditional purchase applications, 3552 acres, 2355 4s. id.; conditional leases, 3620 acres, 230 4s. id. The people express satisfaction at the manner in which the business was carried out. The town was lively throughout the day owing to the large number of visitors from the country.

After several days of warm and threatening weather, a change has taken place. Heavy showers commenced to fall this afternoon, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The days have been exceedingly warm.

COOMA, THURSDAY.

The Quarter Sessions were commenced this morning before Judge McFarland. Mr. Pittson prosecuted for the Crown. Messrs. Blaxland, Dawson, and Montague, Solicitors, were also present. Jessie Entwistle, charged with having inflicted grievous bodily harm to Nicholas Hoffmann, at Hackley's Crossing, was found guilty and sentenced to four years imprisonment in Goulburn gaol. John Paton, charged with stealing a bullock dray the property of Messrs. Walker and Swan, was defended by Mr. H. Dawson, and found guilty, and sentenced to one year in Goulburn gaol. Clarence Mincham and Frederick Bryant, two boys, charged with house-breaking, were defended by Mr. Dawson. They were found guilty, and remanded for sentence. Thomas Wallance, charged with larceny at Hackley's crossing, was defended by Mr. Blaxland, and was found not guilty. James Walling, his son, was charged with larceny, and was defended by Mr. Blaxland, and acquitted.

COOTAMUNDRA, THURSDAY.

Messrs. Duff and Campbell, officers of the forest branch, are here inquiring as to the best site for a model farm, having been sent by the Minister for Mines. They speak favourably of the district for the purpose. A sample of oats was secured by them with 127 heads on one root.

Mr. Abigail, M.L.A., has definitely arranged to address the citizens of the next week.

The Government have invited the magistrates to say if work could be found here for the unemployed at 5s. a day without ratings or 15s. a week with ratings. The magistrate replied that there were too many unemployed in the district already. The farmer have any number of men at their disposal.

CROOKWELL, THURSDAY.

The weather is very warm, the thermometer standing at 80° in the shade. The hay harvest is now in full progress, with a generally very fair crop. Shearing is still in progress, but in most sheds it is now complete, the clip being fully up to the average.

The news of the very low prices realised at the London wool sale is received with a certain amount of alarm. Large quantities of wool are almost daily passing through the town.

Pasturage and water are in abundance, owing to the recent gentle and copious rains. But some goats, however, would now do a deal of good. The wheat crop looks most promising, and with a few showers between now and Christmas, an abundant harvest will be the result. The fruit crop will not be large, owing to the late frost.

The excessive heat of to-day brought on a thunderstorm, and at 6 o'clock it began to rain heavily.

GOULBURN, THURSDAY.

An exceedingly heavy thunderstorm occurred this afternoon.

GUNDAGAI, THURSDAY.

A thunderstorm passed over to-day at about 1 o'clock, and 15 points were registered.

The tender of Mr. Dalton, contractor of Goulburn, has been accepted for the completion of the new Catholic Church at Gundagai, within six months.

The weather is still unsettled.

KEMPSEY, THURSDAY.

Sixty-seven selectors have been summoned to attend the Land Court from November 29 to December 6. Mr. Proper Chears was the only member of the Land Board present, consequently no business has been transacted. An adjournment of the Board was announced yesterday until the 17th and the following days. Particulars have thus attended fruitlessly have been compelled to travel over 1000 miles.

The horticultural bazaar was held in the Good Templars' Hall this afternoon, in aid of the Church of England, under the management of Mrs. Bill and other ladies.

Caterpillars and grubs are causing great havoc among the vegetables and succulent crops.

Fat stock are increasing in price.

MURWILLUMBAH, THURSDAY.

Cobb and Co.'s coach had to discontinue running here from six months, on account of the wretched state of the Queensland section of the road.

It commenced to run again yesterday. Great satisfaction is felt at the way in which New South Wales has improved her part of the road, Cobb and Co. having to repair the Queensland section at their own expense. For a representative from Cobb and Co. left here this morning with the Brumby River, in company with Mr. A. L. Clarke, our road superintendent, to fit up the first condition of the road, where they intend running a coach at an early date.

The Colonial Sugar Company will finish crushing next week. The weather is now fine.

MORE VALE, THURSDAY.

A meeting of the 1st Camel Light Horse was held yesterday evening. It was decided to hold a military review of the 25th anniversary, Anniversary Day, at the Show Grounds, More Vale.

NARRABRI, THURSDAY.

A recent order issued by the Railways Department compels receiving porters to refund to the Government the weight of wool carried on the Government weighbridge here. Great complaints are made as to the excessive rates of freight on wool and merchandise in consequence of the present action of the department. Inducements are being offered to carriers by the local authorities, who have to convey wool direct to road to Moreton, with a return loading to outlying stations and merchants in this district, estimates being if can be done at the same rate as railway, and to consider the difference between road and railway freight back, without the unnecessary trouble and inconvenience caused by the present railway regulations.

NEWCASTLE, THURSDAY.

The police magistrates received a telegram from the Minister for Justice, asking if it was possible to supply some of the unemployed in Sydney with work in the industrial district, and he requested an immediate reply.

Mr. M. F. M., issued circular to the various magistrates for a private meeting to-day, in the Newcastle Town Hall, and discussed the tel-

gram. Mr. Mair presiding. After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to forward a reply, stating that there was no possibility of finding employment here from private firms for the Sydney unemployed, as there were too many unemployed here already.

ORANGE, THURSDAY.

At the land office to-day considerable business was done consequent on the throwing open for conditional purchase of about 3000 acres, known as the Ophir goldfield reserve.

Two thousand acres were taken up in 10 conditional purchases and two leases. The latter were reserved to meet the reversion of the Morven reserve of 1200 acres.

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BERRAWRINA, THURSDAY.

The Bishop of Grafton and Armidale held a Confirmation Service on Sunday last, at St. John's; 105 young persons received the sacred rite. The service was very impressive, and the church was crowded. A similar service was held at Glen Innes on Monday, the 22nd ult.

A telegram was received here to-day from Mr. Lewis, M.L.A., denying the rumour that he had joined the protectionists.

PAKES, THURSDAY.

Mr. E. A. Penock, one of the oldest residents of the district, died this morning. He was a retired Public school teacher, and was very highly respected.

Thunderstorms have been threatening all day. The weather is very cool.

TAMWORTH, THURSDAY.

The Hon. W. J. Lyne, who left Sydney on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of paying a visit to some of the Northern districts, reached Inverell last night, shortly after midnight. He is accompanied by Mr. Moore, member for the district; also by Messrs. Oliff, Bull, Butcher, and Deaconry Brown, M.L.A., and his private secretary, Mr. McLoughlin. The party left Sydney, by the Maitland, on Tuesday evening, and reached Newcastle about midnight. A special train, in charge of Mr. J. Higgs, traffic manager of the Great Northern line, was in waiting, and left immediately after the arrival of the steamer. The first stoppage was at Armidale, which was reached between 9 and 10 yesterday morning. The party alighted for breakfast, and the Minister was not at the station by the Mayor, Mr. A. W. Simpson, and the aldermen, who extended to him a hearty welcome. A number of vehicles were in waiting, and the Ministerial party were driven to Tattersall's Hotel, where breakfast had been prepared for them. After breakfast they were driven round the town and to the different places of interest, such as the Public schools, hospital, gaol, new town hall, and the principal churches were pointed out. The time at the disposal of the Minister was very short, and after a hasty drive around the place the party were driven back to the station, and left for Glen Innes, which was reached at 1 o'clock. The Minister's arrival was eagerly expected by the people, numbers of whom thronged the platform at the station. The local band was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings. Mr. Lyne was very cordially received by the Mayor and the aldermen, and the party were driven to the Commercial Hotel, where a champagne luncheon was provided. The Mayor occupied the chair, and Mr. James Martin the vice-chair. The royal toasts were honoured, after which Mr. James Martin proposed "The Ministry." He said that the present Government had been much abused and had not received fair treatment. 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PAIR ITALIAN WALNUT CARD TABLES
WALL BLACKETTS AND CORNER BRACKETS
PAIR OLD DRESDEN AND SEVRES CHINA
MAHOGANY WARDROBE
BIRCH, OAK, & WALNUT
POLISHED PINE BEDROOM FURNITURE
BEDROOM COUCH, upholstered in tapestry
BEDROOM CHINAMAN'S FURNITURE
EARLY CHINAMAN'S SPRING MATTRESS, &c.
MUSIVE CHESTS OF DRAWERS
HANDSOME BRUSSELS CARPETS
CHINA and GLASS
SWEET-EDGED PIANO, by Paling and Co.
CHANDLERS and GASFITTERS
and the usual KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS.

JONES, LAWSON BROS., and CO. have been
favoured with instructions from the Honorable Mr. Justice
WINDEYER to sell by AUCTION, at his Residence, Brougham
Terrace, 219, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 14th December,
at 11 o'clock.

The whole of the SUPERIOR ART FURNITURE and HOUSE-
HOLD EFFECTS, SWEET-EDGED PIANO, &c.

ON VIEW TUESDAY, 13th December.

CATALOGUES IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.

THE NEW AUCTION ROOMS
of JONES, LAWSON BROS., and CO.,
29, Castlereagh-street, near Hunter-street.

IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE

Public Auction

of

6 CASES VERY SUPERIOR ART FURNITURE,
now and ship Pimlico,
comprising

Very elegant Plain and Embroidered EASY and OCCASIONAL
CHAIRS. Very suitable for Christmas presents and New
Year's gifts.
Handsome Dining-rooms and Drawing-rooms OVERMANTELS,
GESSO, & WALL BRACKETS
DRAWING-ROOM CABINETS, the Queen Anne and Adams
styles, manufactured from picked American Walnut and
Walnut wood, &c.
HALL STANDS, in solid Walnut, and in Rosewood Inlaid
Very elegant MARY-ETHEREE, in solid
Drawing-rooms, dressing-rooms, CHAIRS, in very handsome Rosewood
Frames, upholstered with Plain
Drawing-rooms, SUITES, upholstered in Tapestry and plush
Drawing-rooms, &c.
Massive SUITES of Dining-room Furniture
BEDROOMS, of very Superior Manufacture, in Solid Oak and
BEDROOMS, of
OVERMANTELS and DINING TABLES, in suits
Dining-room SUITES, in solid Walnut frames, upholstered in
Walnut, &c.
HALL STANDS, in solid Walnut and Oak
WALNUT PEDESTAL WRITING TABLES
WALNUT PEDESTAL BEDROOM SUITES
MAHOGANY PEDESTAL BEDROOM SUITES, in solid ash, solid walnut,
and oak and marquetry inlaid,
&c., &c.

The whole of the above is of exceptionally high-class
manufacture, and will be put together by practical work-
men.

JONES, LAWSON BROS. and CO. have received in-
structions from Mr. Justice WINDEYER to sell by public auction, at
the above address, near Hunter-street, on
FRIDAY, 17th December, at 11 o'clock.

The above shipment of VERY SUPERIOR HIGH ART
FURNITURE.

CATALOGUES IN COURSE OF PREPARATION.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

VERY IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.
THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. LITTLE,
Her Projector, for Europe,
of the whole of the
COSTLY and VERSATILE
HIGH ART FURNITURE,
and
HOME EFFECTS.

MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO,
AMERICAN ORGAN in SOLID WALNUT CASE, &c.
The Furniture is High Class in Design, and of very
Excellent Manufacture.

FULL PARTICULARS WILL BE DULY ADVERTISED.

JONES, LAWSON BROS. and CO. have been
favoured with instructions from Mrs. LITTLE, to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION, at 11 a.m.,
AVONA, GLENBEE POINT,

MONDAY, 20th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock,
THE COSTLY HIGH ART FURNITURE

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, &c., &c.

Descriptive Catalogues in course of preparation.

REMOVED

for
CONVENIENCE OF SALE.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th INSTANT,
at 11 o'clock.

In the
ABSCONDED ESTATE

GENERAL STOREKEEPER.

TO GROCERS, STOREKEEPERS, and DEALERS,

THE BRO'S. have received instructions from the
Trustees in the above Estate to sell by auction, at their
Rooms, Essex-street, &c., &c.

The whole of the above

LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK

GROCERIES
IRONMONGERY
DRAPERY
HOME LURE
BRUSHWARE
CROCERY,

Comprising of

Teas, in half-chests, boxes and lbs. and lbs. peacock
peacock, Company's No. 1, pocket and mats
lbs. and lbs. and lbs. and lbs. and lbs. and lbs. and lbs.

200 boxes berries

Dyson's milk

200 boxes and cans

Ling fish and lobsters

100 boxes blue, Keane's and Ritter's

James and Son's, and Son's, and Son's

200 boxes jam—Dyson's, Knight's, and Johnson's

200 boxes peckles—Morton's, Stephen's, and Wybrow's

200 boxes and cans, &c., &c.

Currants, Raisins, sultanas, &c.

100 boxes Harlesone nuts and walnuts

Spices, cigar, tobacco

Flour, oatmeal

Flax, linseed, mustard

Castor oil, soap, washtubs

Knife-blades, miller brooms

Paper bags, all sizes

Flax tubs, butter tubs, diapers

Snaps, frying-pans, boilers, and kettles

Almond

A large assortment of crockery, comprising

Breakfast, dinner, and tea sets

Boat sets, teapots, jugs, pie dishes

Baking dishes, &c., &c.

100 cases of assorted glass and earthenware

A large assortment of cutlery

A large and complete stock of

Draperies
Haberdashery

Hosiery, &c.

Show bowls, show cases, show tins, show glasses

Seas, weights, bins, &c.

Large every's weighing-machine

&c., &c.

The Auctioneers wish to draw particular attention to this very
important sale of general stock. The goods are all fresh and in
first-class condition, and will be sold

WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

TATE BRO'S. Auctioneers,

136, Sussex-street.

Date of Sale,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20th, at 11 o'clock.

FINE BOATING IN HORSE BAY, TO-MORROW.

Land sold by MILLS and FILE.

A BINGLICE—A FINE CHANCE to purchase

CHOICE ALLOTMENTS, Standard Est., Arndell-

TO-MORROW.

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